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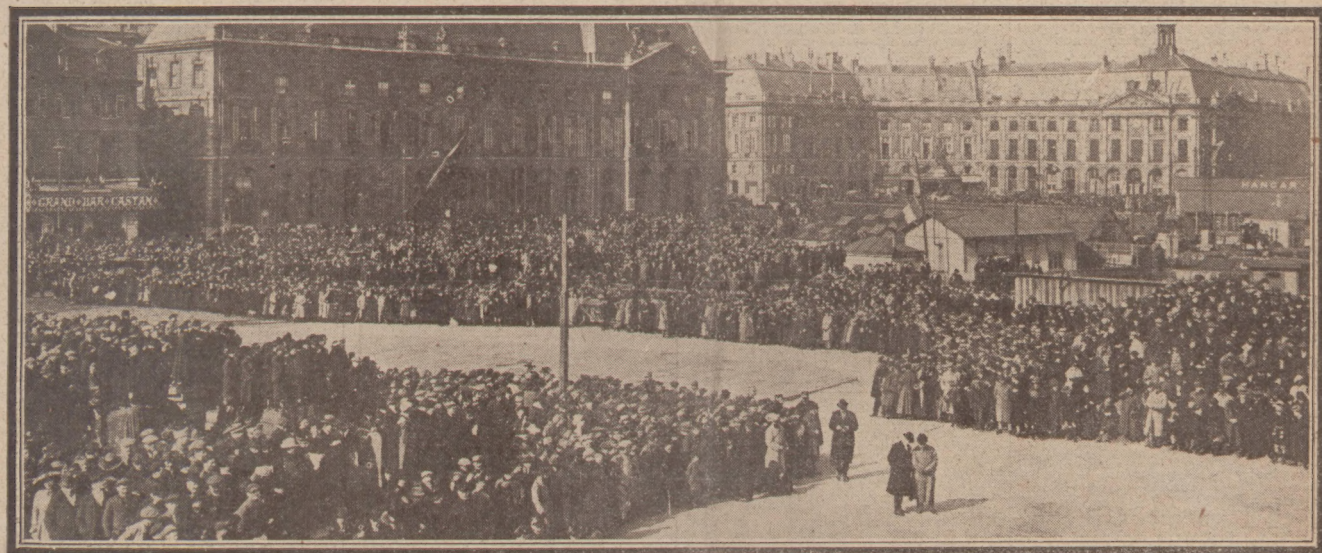
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NEVER SAW SO MUCH AS A PERISCOPE—AMERICAN "BLOCKADE RUNNER" ARRIVES AT BORDEAUX.



The crowd which assembled outside the town hall when the officers and crew were fêted by the Bordeaux authorities. They were very flattered at their reception.



The Orleans in Bordeaux Harbour. She was unarmed and carried no contraband.



Captain Tucker on the bridge.



Captain Tucker holding a presentation bouquet.



The procession on its way to the town hall. Captain Tucker, carrying his bouquet, marched at its head.

"We saw no submarines or any other German vessel: in fact, we were most lonely on the ocean, and I felt like Christopher Columbus," said Captain Tucker, of the Orleans, one of the American "blockade runners," on his arrival at Bordeaux, where he and his

officers were fêted by the municipality. His vessel had star-spangled banners and its port of origin emblazoned on the hull. A second American vessel which set out in defiance of the U-boats has also arrived safely.

MORE DRASTIC FOOD ORDERS NEXT WEEK.

Controller to Fix Maximum Price for Tea.

NEW POTATO SUBSTITUTES

"The potato shortage is very serious. "It is useless to attempt to disguise the possibility of a famine in two or three months unless the authorities are able to take effective measures against it."

Thus a Covent Garden potato dealer to *The Daily Mirror* yesterday, in discussing the problem of supply, but he was not prepared to say how it could be solved.

The latest message concerning potatoes comes from Devonshire, where, it is reported, most towns are expecting a shortage. Here the belief prevails that the growers who have supplies are not likely to send them to the markets, when, by keeping them, they will secure an enhanced price a month hence.

The Food Controller's Department, recognising the seriousness of the potato situation, is anxious that all who can do without potatoes or find substitutes for them should do so as a patriotic duty for the next three months. Supplies of potatoes were very small at Liverpool market yesterday. The police attended to

"NOW OR NEVER, NEVILLE."

Should we dance in war time? Need all amusement be banned?

In a brilliant article in to-morrow's *Sunday Pictorial* Mr. E. Temple Thurston, the famous novelist and playwright, emphasises the need for mental stimulus in these days of stress and strain.

"Now or Never, Neville!" is Mr. Horatio Bottomley's stirring call in the "Sunday Pictorial," urging Mr. Neville Chamberlain to take definite action at once in the matter of national service.

Special articles by Mr. F. A. McKenzie, the famous war correspondent, and Mr. Laurence Clarke, the well-known novelist, are also included in to-morrow's *Sunday Pictorial*.

enforce the legal prices. Many retail shops are now without potatoes.

The expected new order of the Food Controller for compulsory rationing in hotels and restaurants will, in all probability, be ready next Thursday or Friday.

There is reason to believe that there will also be a tea order.

Despite the Controller's warning of drastic action against those who sell tea at prices beyond those current previous to the announcement of the new import restriction, two of the leading retail tea firms in the country have increased their prices 2d. per lb.

The tea order will fix a maximum, and the Controller will then be able to take the threatened "drastic action."

Week-end retail meat prices are very much on a par with those of the previous three or four weeks.

Fish is a little dearer than last week, but cod was offered at 1s. per lb., haddock at 10d. per lb., while kippers and bloaters were six for 1s.

FOOD FROM THE VILLAGE.

A food production society should be formed in each village. The squire and schoolmaster, the vicar or other minister of religion, could do no better service to the country than to summon the villagers and ask them to form such a society.

This is one of the suggestions in a scheme which has for its objects increased food production, and which has received the warmest sympathy and approval of the Prime Minister.

"The cottage garden and the small plot," it is explained, "must help the farmer.

"If everybody with time to spare will help they will not only be assisting to increase the food supply, they will also be taking a step towards the realisation of a new and true rural life."

Canadian's Gift of Tractors.—The Prime Minister has received a cable from Mr. David J. Johnston, of the Canada Nitro Products, Limited, Toronto, presenting to the nation one hundred farm tractors of a type considered the most efficient yet designed in America.

ZEPPES TO COME AGAIN?

Paris Story of Concentration of Airships by Dutch Frontier.

PARIS, Friday.—*The Matin* says:—"Some weeks ago the news agencies published telegrams from Zurich stating that Germany had given up the use of Zeppelins.

"These reports must be received with great reserve.

"Four Zeppelins have just been completed at Friedrichshafen and are awaiting orders.

"Moreover, at the little town of Mauzot, not far from Friedrichshafen, fresh building yards have been constructed.

"The Zeppelins at present available," it appears, are concentrated a short distance from the Dutch frontier, and the Germans intend to use them in the course of a few weeks for an expedition on a large scale against Great Britain."—*Reuter*.

FIGHTING THE U's.

Sir John Jellicoe on Work of Allied Navies and Mercantile Marine.

"SLACKERS" IN SHIPYARDS.

"The Royal and Allied Navies and the mercantile marine are working together to overcome the greatest menace with which this country and the Allies have ever been faced, and the heroism shown by officers and men of the mercantile marine and their unflinching resolution deserve not only the confidence, but the gratitude and sincerest admiration of the whole nation."

Such was the letter sent by Sir John Jellicoe to Mr. T. Paterson Purdie, president of the Clyde Steamship Owners' Association, and read at a meeting of the Chamber of Shipping in London yesterday.

In his presidential address Mr. W. H. Rae-burn, of Glasgow, said:—

"Though the losses to Allied shipping during the last two or three months have been serious, there is nothing alarming in the situation.

"Serious as it is—and it is folly to look upon it in any other light—the losses inflicted are a very small percentage of the total arrivals and sailings at our own and the ports of our Allies."

Dealing with "slackers" in shipyards, Mr. Raeburn said:—

"Scarcely less important than shipbuilding is the work of repairing. Lane and timber work, and the men are making enormous wages and giving less and less work in return.

"It is no use leaving it to the employers to prosecute the defaulters. It is a most unfair position to place them in, and rather tends to make matters worse.

"If the employers ventured to delay or obstruct work of value and importance they would receive very short shrift. Why not the men?"

"The time for slackness and timidity is past." They hailed, with satisfaction, said Mr. Raeburn, the vigour with which the Admiralty were now having merchant ships armed.

GRIM COURT SCENE.

Young Man Almost Carried from Dock After Death Sentence.

A tragedy of married life was unfolded at the Central Criminal Court yesterday when William James Peddie, twenty-nine, a munition worker, was sentenced to death for murdering his wife.

On the ground that the man's married life had been particularly unhappy and that he had shown himself a most loving father, the jury recommended the prisoner to mercy, a recommendation which the Judge endorsed.

Mr. Travers Humphreys, who prosecuted, stated that at 8 a.m. on January 13 a boy found the woman's body lying inside a gate in Bullmore-lane, Waltham Cross.

A razor was found near by, and on it were engraved the words "My sweetheart."

When the Judge was passing sentence of death the prisoner had to be supported from the dock by a warden on each side and had to be practically carried out of court.

LIFE IN FLATS.

London Conference and the Moral Point of View.

Resolutions in favour of greater latitude in proceedings against the owners and frequenters of disorderly houses and in favour of placing flat life on a more satisfactory footing from the moral point of view were passed at a conference of municipal authorities convened by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House yesterday.

The conference discussed the Criminal Law Amendment Bill now before Parliament.

The Bishop of London asked the municipal authorities to co-operate with him in supporting the Bill and in asking for still more drastic measures than those proposed in regard to disorderly houses.

He emphasised the deplorable extent to which overseas soldiers were inveigled when they visited London, and said if Colonial parents entrusted us with the bodies of their sons we might at least see to it that their souls were not imperilled.



Lady Gainford interviewing an applicant for service in France. Her husband, recently raised to the peerage, was Mr. J. A. Pease, M.P.

DRESS IN WAR TIME.

New Order Will Not Make Millinery and Mantles Dearer.

WILL SAFEGUARD EMPLOYERS.

The fear that dresses, mantles, blouses, fur and millinery will be dearer in consequence of the new order, which includes drapery among non-essential industries, is not likely to be realised.

Briefly, the effect of the order is that it is now an offence under the Defence of the Realm regulation for any employer in the long list of occupations given in yesterday's *Daily Mirror* to employ, either to fill a vacancy or as additional "hand," any man between the ages of eighteen and sixty-one, whether he has previously been employed or not.

How the drapery trade regards the order may be gathered from the opinion expressed yesterday by Mr. A. N. Holley, the chairman of the Drapers' Chamber of Trade.

"It is a very salutary order, and will have the effect of steadying existing business organisations throughout the country," he told *The Daily Mirror*.

"It will safeguard employers against the caprice of any man who wants to change his situation just at the time when staffs have been depleted down to the smallest possible proportions with just sufficient 'hands' to carry on."

A PALACE EXAMPLE.

How Bishop of Exeter's Daughters Work in the Garden.

Bishop William Cecil, who recently became Bishop of Exeter, in reply to a correspondent who sought an opinion as to using consecrated ground near Totnes Cemetery for raising potatoes, said: "I think it would not be right to cultivate consecrated land if you could possibly avoid it. Still, I will make an exception on the ground that David ate the shew bread. I think in that case all food that is grown must be given away to the poor, but I would not rather it should not be cultivated."

"At the same time I will second any possible way the employment of women during the war. My daughters are now working in the big palace garden, and I think they will be glad to hear of any girls of about fifteen who would help them."



Lord William Cecil.

"LET US REPAY."

Appeal to Foreigners to Help the Country That Sheltered Them.

The time has come for foreigners living in England to "do their bit."

This is the opinion of a committee of distinguished foreign journalists, who have issued a manifesto, calling upon all aliens to come forward at once and do anything and everything they can to help the land that has sheltered them.

"From time immemorial," they point out, "foreigners have enjoyed the most generous hospitality and 'legal protection for their persons and property."

"Since the war in which England is fighting 'to vindicate national rights, to preserve individual sympathies and common prosperity,' the obligation to repay this generosity has become more emphasised.

A committee of initiative, under the presidency of Lord Burnham, has been formed for the furtherance of this object.

So far England, while giving us everything that she gives to her own, has asked us nothing in return. Shall we stand aside till events compel us to offer our services for the sake of our own interests?

BAN ON POSTERS AND NEWSPAPER BILLS.

Drastic Order to Maintain the Supplies of Paper.

CHANGED HOARDINGS.

On and after to-day week, March 10, the public will no longer be able to see outside newsagents' shops or in the streets the familiar contents bills announcing the principal news in their favourite papers.

An order made by the Board of Trade for the purpose of maintaining the supply of paper prohibits these bills in future.

Practically all posters are banned, with the result that the huge pictorial advertisements, which figure so largely in the London streets, will disappear.

There will also be no use for sandwich-men in future.

If the removal of some of these familiar features of modern life causes a pang, it is at least certain that no one will regret the banning of the tradesmen's circulars that still accumulate in letter boxes or on door mats.

Any infringement of this wholesale prohibition of advertisements in posters and circulars will be a summary offence subject to penalties under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

DOOM OF BIG POSTERS.

The main provisions of the new Order are:—

After the date of this Order no person shall make or cause to be made any paper poster, the superficial measurements of which exceed 600 square inches (a bill about two feet square).

[Posters in course of making at the date of the Order are permitted to go out.]

No person shall, on or after March 10, exhibit or cause or permit to be exhibited any paper poster making any announcement with respect to the contents of, or advertising in any manner, any newspaper or periodical, except at the premises where the newspaper or periodical is published.

Nor shall any person, on or after that date, exhibit or cause to be exhibited any paper poster making any announcement with respect to goods offered for sale by a retailer except at the premises where they are so offered for sale.

No person shall, on or after March 10, dispatch or cause to be dispatched to any person, through the post or otherwise, any tradesman's catalogue, price list or advertising circular, unless a request has been made, in writing, on behalf of that person in writing for the dispatch or delivery thereof.

Price lists by traders to traders for the purpose of their trade or to persons abroad are permitted.

"NO EVASION CLAUSES."

For the purposes of this Order:—

The expression "paper poster" means a poster made of paper or partly of paper.

The expression "poster" includes any advertisement announcement or intimation, whether in words or in a pictorial form or otherwise, which is exhibited or intended to be exhibited, and means each copy of a poster in cases where more than one copy of a poster is made.

An advertisement announcement or intimation consisting of any combination of posters shall be treated as one poster.

Where the fulfilment by any person of any contract is interfered with by the necessity on the part of himself, or any other person, of complying with any provision of this Order, that necessity shall be a good defence to any action for the non-fulfilment of the contract so far as it is due to that interference.

The Board of Trade may, in such cases as they think fit, issue licences dispensing with the application of this Order.

STILL FEWER TRAINS.

Drastic Changes in April—More Stations May Be Closed.

It is understood that further railway restrictions will be introduced on Monday, April 2.

The cutting down of the services will be most drastic on the Great Western and Lancashire and Yorkshire railways, which were not affected so heavily by the New Year comb-out as some of the other lines.

Reductions of the services on the Great Eastern, South-Eastern, Brighton and South-Western are also under consideration.

The new restrictions contemplated include the closing of further stations, slower expresses, fewer trains to places outside the Home Counties, longer intervals between trains and no late trains.

No alteration is contemplated in the price of season or ordinary tickets.

WOMEN SERVICE CHIEFS.

Lord Devonport has appointed Mrs. C. S. Peel and Mrs. Pember Reeves directors of women's services of the Ministry of Food.

Their duties will be to direct the propaganda dealing with the practical issues arising out of the appeal for voluntary rationing.

NEW HONOUR FOR GENERAL SMUTS

Lieutenant-General Jan Christiann Smuts, who recently relinquished his command in German East Africa to attend the Imperial General Conference, has been appointed a Privy Counsellor by the King.

MORE ANCRE PROGRESS—OVER HALF-WAY TO BAGDAD

British Advance North of Warlencourt and Puisieux—Huns Show Fight.

TURKS RUSH THROUGH AZIZIE IN CONFUSION.

4,300 Prisoners and 28 Guns Taken in a Week—New Booty Arriving Hourly.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

9.12 P.M.—Our troops have made further progress to-day north of Warlencourt-Baucourt and north-west of Puisieux-au-Mont.

Local German counter-attacks made against our advanced positions north-east of Gueudecourt and north-west of Ligny-Tilloy early this morning were repulsed with loss.

As a result of the fighting on the Ancre to-day we captured one officer and 127 other ranks, three machine guns and four trench mortars.

This morning our troops raided the German trenches near Angres-Calonne and north-east of Loos. Twenty prisoners were captured.

An enemy raiding party made an unsuccessful attempt last night to enter our trenches south-east of Roelincourt.

Hostile artillery has shown considerable activity to-day in the neighbourhood of Sailly-Saillisel, Armentieres and Ypres.

"FORCING THE ENEMY TO QUIT POSITIONS."

The King's Praise for "Those Who Drew Up Plans of Campaign."

TELEGRAM TO SIR D. HAIG.

The following telegrams have passed between the King and Sir Douglas Haig:—

The King to Sir Douglas Haig:

I wish to express my admiration for the splendid work of all ranks under your command in forcing the enemy by a steady and persistent pressure to quit carefully-prepared and strongly fortified positions.

These successes are a fitting sequel to the fine achievements of my Army last year in the battle of the Somme, and reflect great credit on those responsible for drawing up the plans for this campaign.

Sir Douglas Haig to the King:

On behalf of all ranks I beg leave to express our very respectful thanks for your Majesty's most gracious message of approval of what has been recently accomplished by the forces under my command as a sequel to the battle of the Somme.

It is a deep satisfaction to those responsible for drawing up the plans of this campaign to know that their work has been so generously commended by your gracious Majesty.

FOE FAIL IN TWO RAIDS ON THE FRENCH.

Our Ally's Air Squadron Bomb Hutments and Stations.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

West of Soissons two simultaneous raids carried out by our Germans yesterday during the evening against our positions north of Vingres failed under our fire and cost the enemy some losses.

In the Argonne we entered a German trench near Vauquois and brought back some prisoners. There was a fairly lively artillery struggle in the Avocourt Wood.

The night was calm everywhere else. Aviation.—Yesterday evening two German aeroplanes dropped bombs on Montdidier. One was killed and two children and a man were wounded.

One of our air squadrons, composed of eleven machines, bombed the hutments of Guiscard, the railway station of Apreilly and the railway station of Babeuf (Dise), where a fire was seen to break out.—Reuter.

AUSTRIAN LINES RAIDED.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

Yesterday evening one of our detachments suddenly raided the enemy lines near the Tivoli and destroyed a small part of them.

Enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs on Gorizia and in the Valone. No damage was done. Our aeroplanes successfully bombed the enemy lines of communication.

"MANY ENCOUNTERS IN THE ANCRE REGION."

Berlin on Fighting "in Front of Our Positions."

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Between Ypres and Arras several reconnoitering advances of the enemy remained without success.

Strong English detachments pushed forward after a lively artillery preparation against our trenches to the east and south-east of Souchez. They were repulsed after a hand-to-hand battle. Twenty prisoners with one machine gun remained in our hands.

In the Ancre region there were many encounters on the ground in front of our positions. In this region and during the clearing of the English nests near Sailly, thirty prisoners were taken and three machine guns were captured. On the French front several local enterprises took place.

To the south of Nouvron our raiding parties fetched a few prisoners out of the second line of enemy trenches.

Night Official.—Apart from an engagement in a narrow sector of the Artois front, nothing of importance is reported from either the western or the eastern front. In Rumania and Macedonia heavy snowfalls limited the fighting activity.

IF THE GERMANS GIVE UP BAPAUME.

Views of French Experts on the German Retreat.

PARIS, Friday.—M. Marcel Hutin writes in the Echo de Paris:—

"What does this retreat conceal? Some Germans allege that it is a deeply laid plot for the British in order to thwart the future plans of the Allies, but the ordinary sensible man must reply to this, Why should they seek to retire unless because they are no longer able to hold their own on both banks of the Ancre?"

"This is the simple truth, and the real reason for the embarrassed explanation which the Germans gave yesterday concerning their retreat."

Commandant Decievres, writing in the Matin, says:—

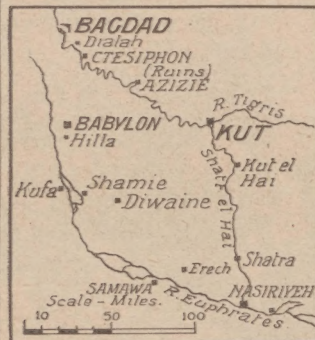
"If the German retreat stops short on the watershed, near which a fresh struggle would begin, it will have been purely tactical, but if it passes the hills at Achiet, and Bapaume is abandoned to the British, it will then assume a strategic character, the effects of which on neighbouring fronts must be very considerable."

KAISER SUFFERING FROM A SEVERE CHILL.

No Anxiety, but Doctors Urge the Greatest Caution.

AMSTERDAM, Thursday.—According to reports from Berlin, the Kaiser is again suffering from a severe chill, and is confined to his room in his Berlin castle, where, however, he receives his Ministers and communicates daily with Marshal von Hindenburg at Headquarters.

His condition does not cause anxiety, but the doctors insist that the greatest caution be taken.—Exchange.



The Tigris Turks fled through Azizie on the evening of February 27.

7,000 CAPTIVES SINCE KUT ADVANCE BEGAN.

Turks Still Retreating in Great Confusion—28 Guns Taken.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

In his report of February 28 the General Officer Commanding in Mesopotamia gives the following particulars of the progress of operations:

The pursuit of the retreating enemy still continues, and the Turks in great confusion passed through Azizie on the evening of February 27. The clearing of the battlefield is being systematically carried out, but as fresh booty is being brought in from hour to hour it will be some days before a complete list of our captures can be compiled.

Since February 23 the approximate figures are:—

Prisoners 4,300 (making a total of over 7,000 since the commencement of operations in December, 1916).	Turkish ships 3
Guns 28	Tugs 2
Trench mortars 19	Barges 2
Machine guns 11	Pontoons 30
H.M.S. Firefly (recaptured)	

The distance between Kut and Bagdad by the road which runs along the Tigris is about 100 miles, and Azizie is fifty-five miles north-west of Kut. As the Turks passed through Azizie "in confusion" on Tuesday evening, it is probable that the advance troops of the British Army are by this time well beyond that place.

It is interesting to note that in 1915 General Townshend advanced from Azizie on November 11, and the battle of Ctesiphon (thirty miles to the north-west, in which the British were defeated by superior forces, was fought on November 22. General Townshend's troops retreated and reached Azizie again on November 30.

RUMANIANS FORCED TO GIVE GROUND TO FOE.

Withdrawal from Height Captured the Previous Day.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

Rumanian Front.—In the region north of the Jacobeni (Kimpolung high road) fighting continued.

The Germans made a counter-attack against the Rumanian detachments who yesterday occupied a height near the village Rekoza (north of the River Savab) and obliged them to withdraw. The River Hunik our scouts annihilated two enemy field posts, capturing twenty-three prisoners and two machine guns.

"HINDENBURG HAS HIS HAND IN THE GAME."

Foe Press Say Ancre Retreat Is "As He Wished."

AMSTERDAM, Friday.—The German newspapers refrain from extensive comment on the German communiqué of yesterday announcing the withdrawal in the Ancre region.

They declare that the German Press was confidentially informed as long ago as February 29 that such a measure would be undertaken, and they emphasise its voluntary character.

The Frankfurter Zeitung regrets that it cannot discuss the new situation.

The main point is that Marshal von Hindenburg has his hand in the game, and thus far everything has gone entirely as he has wished.—Reuter.

WAR COUNCIL FOR THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Wilson Planning Parley of Neutrals About Blockade.

"WAR INEVITABLE."

Following upon the disclosures of the Zimmermann letter events appear to be moving in America.

A War Council of a non-partisan character, says an Exchange Washington message, is being formed, and it will include the President and the Cabinet and all industrial experts now affiliated with the National Council of Defence created by Congress.

It will probably include twenty members concerned with departments of transport supplies communications together with the best-known experts in the country.

Mr. Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, will be a member, and Mr. Gompers will be head of the labour branch.

PARIS, Friday.—The Temps quotes an official of the American Embassy as stating that "war is now inevitable."—Exchange.

PRESIDENT AND U. EATS.

COPENHAGEN, Friday.—The Frankfurter Zeitung has received a wireless message from New York stating that President Wilson is now preparing for a conference between neutral countries.

The plan is that the conference shall adopt a joint resolution concerning sea traffic, especially in regard to the submarine blockade.—Exchange.

WASHINGTON, Friday.—The Senate voted by sixty-four to fifteen to take up immediately the resolution giving the President the full powers he sought.—Exchange.

WASHINGTON, Friday.—The State Department has been advised that Germany has at last agreed to release the Americans on the Yarrowdale.—Exchange.

MEXICAN STATEMENT.

PARIS, Friday.—Senor Quintanilla, the Mexican Charge d'Affaires, told the Agence Tourner he was without any official information concerning the alleged plot.

"When I left Mexico in December, 1916," he said, "General Carranza said to me: 'Whatever may happen, at no matter what time, you can always affirm that Mexico will never abandon her neutrality.'"

"You may state positively that my country will never undertake anything that is contrary to the Allies' policy."—Central News.

WASHINGTON, Friday.—The House of Representatives, after a ten hours' debate, has passed, by a vote of 403 to 13, a Bill empowering the President to limit merchantmen, but not extending to him authority to use the "other instrumentalities" which Mr. Wilson specifically desires.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT'S SECRET.

WASHINGTON, Friday.—In response to the request by the Senate for Herr Zimmermann's Note, President Wilson has sent the Senate a report by Mr. Lansing, in which he says:—

"The Government is in possession of evidence which establishes the fact that the Note referred to is authentic, that it is in possession of the Government of the United States, and that the evidence was procured by this Government during the present week."

"In my opinion it is incompatible with the public interest to send the Senate at the present time any further information in possession of the United States relative to the Note."—Reuter.

HUN PLOT AGAINST DUTCH

The way in which the German Government has just torpedoed seven Dutch merchantmen and the tone of the German communiqués are of a nature to justify the anxiety now reported in Holland, writes Lieutenant René Paux, formerly editor of the Temps, and now attached to General Foch's Staff.

The Dutch have come to the point of asking whether Wilhelm II. is not determined to provoke a war with Holland.

The designs of Germany on Holland are by no means new.

At the beginning of the war, even, Germany had everything ready for such a step.

On August 2, 1914, the official Wolf Agency issued to the Press a telegram from Coblenz according to which the Prefect of Düsseldorf announced that, on the morning of the same day, eighty French officers, disguised as Prussian officers, had attempted to cross the German-Dutch frontier.

This monstrous lie was only communicated to the German Ambassador in London to palliate in British minds the German invasion of Holland and to dupe the German people.

AT HIS POST



Captain Irvine, of the sunken *Comander Lancia*. "I want him," said the pirate commander, who, however, did not find him.

A WAR WORKER.



Lady Callaghan, wife of Sir Alfred Callaghan, I.L.D., who is making hospital requisites at Earl Beauchamp's house.

CANADIAN WOUNDED IN A FAMOUS CHARGE.



Private P. Myers, who was shot in the spine during the famous charge which restored the lost trench to the Canadians, making a scarf on a wooden frame. He is seen in bed.

THE GAIETY "BABIES"—FOUR YOUTHFUL ACTRESSES.



Miss Fay Lilmar, only just 15.



Miss Joyce Barbour, aged 16.



Miss Cherry Constant, aged 17.



Miss Midge Dolphin, aged 16.

Four young actresses in "Theodore and Co." They are called "babies" at the Gaiety.

LONDON AMUSEMENTS.

ADELPHI. New Musical Comedy, "HIGH JINKS." To-day, at 2 and 8. Mat., Wed. and Sat., at 2. W. H. BERRY. Nellie Taylor. Box-office, 10 s. 10. Tel., 2645 and 5880 G.

ALDWYCH. (Ger. 2345.) TO-DAY, at 2.15 and 8.15. "THE SMILING SONG." A New Three-Act French Farce. By Sydney Blose and Douglas Blose. Preceded by "Lulu" in a Hawaiian Scene. Mat., Thurs., Sat., 2.15. (Ger. 2345.)

APOLLO. At 2.15 and 8.30. MONTY'S FLAPPER. Matinee, Weds., Thurs. and Sat., at 2.30. (Ger. 3243.) LUMEDY.—Andre Charlot's musical show, "SEESAW," with John Humphries and Thylla Monkman. Evenings, 8.15. Matinee, Mon., Fri., Sat., 2.15.

COURT (Ger. 849.) Theatre des Artistes. TO-DAY, at 2.30. "LE MALADE D'IMAGINAIRE," with CONSTANTIN STODOLCO.

CRITERION. At 2.30 and 8.30. The Celebrated Farce. Evenings, 8.30. Mat., Weds., Thurs., Sat., 2.30. A LITTLE BIT OF FLUTE. Mat., Weds., Thurs., Sat., 2.30. Produced in Oct., 1915. STILL RUNNING MERRILY.

DALYS. The GEORGE EDWARDS New Musical Production. TO-DAY, at 2 and 8. MATS., TUES., SATS., at 5.30. Jones Collins, Mabel de France, Maude Lester, Thorpe Bates, Arthur Wintner. (Tel. Ger. 201.)

DUKE OF YORKS. 2.30 and 8.15. DADDY LONG-LEGS. Rene Kelly, C. Aubrey Smith, Fay, Maude Lester, (Ger. 2582.) TO-DAY, at 2 and 8.

DRURY LANE. The New Comic Opera, "YOUNG ENGLAND." MATS., Wed., Thurs. and Sat., at 2.

GAIETY. Nightly, at 8. THEODORE AND CO. Matinee, Weds., Sat., 2.30. Leslie Henson, Arthur Henson, Henri Leon, Fred Leslie, Robert Nainby, Julia James, Madge Saunders, Peggy Kurlon, Adah Fair. GARRICK. (Ger. 951.) PATTIOTS! By H. F. Malby. TO-DAY (Saturday), at 2.30 and 8.30, and Every Evening. (Ger. 951.) Mat., Weds., Sat., at 2.30.

GLOBE. To-night, at 8.15. (Ger. 8722.) By the Authors of "The Man Who Stayed at Home." Matinee, Weds. and Sat., 2.30.

HIS MAJESTY'S. To-day, 2.15. To-night, at 8. A Musical Tale of the East.

NEW CINEMA SONGS AND COSTUMES. MATINEES, every Wed., Thurs. and Sat., at 2.15.

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The chateau belonging to M. Chauchard, one of the richest men in France. Note the trench leading to the main entrance.

WOOD FOR WAR PURPOSES.



One of the lumbermen sharpening his axe.



The men come from Canada.

Since the restrictions on the imports of timber the forestry battalions have been busy felling trees in the Scottish pine woods for pit props, sleepers and trench supports.—(Daily Mirror photographs.)

Daily Mirror

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1917.

THE PRESENT MOOD OF THE HUN.

THE Hun, like ourselves, still has his varying moods of optimism and pessimism about the war; nor has he permanently relapsed into despair, as certain newspapers constantly affect to believe.

A very remarkable phenomenon of the last few weeks in Germany has been the wave of renewed optimism, the surprising increase in ambitious utterance, the louder clamour of conquest, the puffing of the chest, the strut of the goose step, the splutter of frightfulness restored.

Has the potato crop, then, suddenly revealed an aftermath? Is bread better and does beer bubble over anew with fresh foam? For we know that the bear growls all the more merrily after he has filled himself with a copious meal of flesh.

That is not the case, however, in Germany. Food Controllers there still excuse themselves, apologise, explain. There is no more food than there was.

But there is hope instead. There is a greedy kind of hope. By night and by day, in newspapers and lectures, in a high voice, the Government is extolling the U boats, boasting of their success, and indulging—as, alas, some of our own rulers insist upon doing—in the dangerous habit of prophecy.

Some say it will be "a month or two" before England sues for Peace. Some are pessimists and say "four months." That matters not. Four weeks or months—the end is in sight. Our Government tells us so. Hoch! Hoch! The U boats!

So their Government encourages them. Says the Berlin correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune*:

The extraordinary psychological effect of the submarine campaign produced in Germany is as interesting and probably not less important than the results which that campaign is producing at sea. It is almost a month since the introduction of the unlimited submarine warfare. What was said then concerning the German people's view of its advisability not only holds good now, but takes on a daily increasing emphasis. What a few thought and said a year ago, all say now. The Admiralty, having staked its reputation, and in a measure the Empire's future, on the submarine, is naturally jubilant over the results, not so much because the returns of destroyed tonnage surpass expectations, as because of the outstanding fact that traffic in the closed zones is practically dead.

And Captain Persius, much more moderate, in the *Berliner Tageblatt*:

The English place their hopes on measures being taken to combat submarines. Carson, as already mentioned, said that the ablest brains of the nation were working night and day at the solution of the problem of finding means of defence against submarines. We may say, without exaggeration, that, in spite of their ingenuity, the problem has not been solved. To be brief, many people in England are gradually beginning to have a feeling of impotence.

An explanation then—all this—of the Hun mood. Their Government gets them to believe passionately in the submarines.

A question for us—Does their Government believe in them itself?

Another question: Are we doing all we can to make their mood a vain one and to prepare their disappointment? W. M.

PRINCE AND PEASANT.

I am a king that find thee; and I know
Tis not the balm, the sceptre and the ball,
The sword, the mace, the crown imperial,
The intertissued robe of gold and pearl,
The farced title running fore and back,
The throne he sits on, nor the tide of pomp
That beats upon the high shore of this world,
So, not all these do I bid thee tuck away;
Not all these, laid in bed majestical,
Can sleep so soundly as the wretched slave,
Who with a bare bodied and vacant mind,
Gets him to rest, cramm'd with distressed bread;
Never sees horrid night, the child of hell,
But like a lackey, runs, and tucks away,
Sweats in the eye of Phoebus, and all night
Sleeps in Elysium; next day after dawn,
Doth rise and help Hyperion to his horse,
And follows so the ever-running year
With profitable labour to his grave;
And, but for ceremony, such a wretch,
Winding up days with toil and nights with sleep,
Had the fore-hand and vantage of a king.
The slave, a member of the country's peace,
Enjoys it; but in gross brain little wote
What watch the king keeps to maintain the peace,
Whose hours the peasant best advantages.
—SHAKESPEARE.

INFLUENCE OF THE WOMAN CONDUCTOR.

HOW MANNERS HAVE BEEN IMPROVED BY HER ARRIVAL.

By An ADMIRER.

THERE has been much talk lately of the growing immorality due to the conditions and temptations of war.

Some women have come in, justly, for blame. There has been the usual criticism of the usual flapper with her shrieks and her lack of self-control.

But what about the other women—the good women?

Has not their influence been more widely felt than ever since the war, and since they took up work of every kind—work once supposed to belong only to men?

Let the humble "conductor" and the humble omnibus serve as an example of what I mean. I hold that the woman conductor has

She can manage a recalcitrant passenger more tactfully than most men!

More than once lately I have been struck by the contrast which exists between the manners of the men and the women conductors. Of course, there are exceptions; but, taking the average, the women are more helpful and more obliging than the men. This probably explains why the omnibus companies are anxious to secure the services of more women. One of the great companies at present employs about 1,200 women, and I believe that this company alone would engage some hundreds more at once if they could be got.

THE WORKERS' HEALTH.

Most of the women conductors to whom I have spoken about the work—and I have sought the views of many—are of the opinion that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. Without exception they have admitted that the work is fatiguing, but they do not find it unbearable. And that this is the case is borne

WHEN WOMEN BECOME TAXI-DRIVERS.



Horrible prospect for the type of insolent, unwilling male taxi-cabby! He may have to mend his ways. —(By W. K. Haselden.)

PEOPLE EAT MORE!

HAS HARD WORK INCREASED THE AVERAGE PATRIOT'S APPETITE?

"OVER-EATING" IN RESTAURANTS.

YOUR correspondent, "Restaurant Eater," seems to be joking when he says that "war has increased everybody's appetite." He does not seem to realise that he is stating a sober truth. The fact is that many more or less idle people are now working hard for the first time in their lives.

Nothing increases health—and therefore a good appetite for one's food—like work.

I have found that the girls in the big Government office where I work now require a substantial lunch. Yet before the war (many of them tell me) they were perfectly satisfied with indigestible snippets of nougat, cake and coffee "till tea-time." And for tea they had more cake.

The change is a healthy symptom. I offer it as an explanation of what your correspondent takes for "over-eating" in many restaurants.

GOVERNMENT WORK.
Strand, E.C.

ANOTHER HARDEN. . .

IT IS hard to deny one's friends' home on leave the good cheer and good food they seem to like.

If we had compulsion, there would be no need for us to suffer pangs of conscience of this kind. All would be the same for all and it would be pleasant to feel that one could not do more for one's friends from the front, because the Food Controller forbade one.

I, for one, should feel relieved if compulsion came in. G. F. E.

WHICH CLASS IS TO BLAME?

IT is not among the poor or middle class that the Government's call for economy goes unheeded; but one has only to take a penny omnibus ride through the West End of London to discover the centre of the evil.

Here may be seen throngs of elegantly-dressed women wasting pounds upon useless luxuries, while the restaurants are crowded with people, consuming food, not even because they are hungry, but simply because it is the custom. Let the Government talk to their own class a little more. They need not worry about the East End people, who count themselves lucky if they get enough food to live upon. ECONOMY.

IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 2.—The amateur gardener who intends to cultivate potatoes this season should make a point of ordering the seed without delay. (Vegetable seeds must also be obtained at once, as many sorts are scarce this year.)

Let the ground that is to be set with potatoes be immediately prepared by deep digging, but do not commence planting until the correct season arrives. The tubers should be sown in shallow boxes, care being taken that the "eyes" point upwards. Place the trays in a light frost-proof place—the window of a cool room will do.

E. F. T.

reformed the ways of the omnibus. She is an unqualified success. The companies seem to have the knack of finding the right sort of woman—the woman who consoles us for the prevalence, in other spheres, of the foolish flapper and her shrieks.

By her competence and courtesy she has endeared herself to the travelling public; and it is not exclusively upon the male passengers that she lavishes her attentions. The aged and the poor are the objects of her solicitude, rather than the smartly-apparelled and the young; but to all she is pleasant, helpful and gentle.

That the London omnibus companies appreciate the woman conductor is shown by the fact that they are constantly clamouring for more girls to join the ranks and to learn the duties. They have found that the girl conductor is quite as efficient as any man in the way she discharges her duties; and in many respects she is very much more satisfactory.

out by the official health statistics. The amount of illness which prevails among women conductors is only just normal, and cases of breakdown are rare. This happy state of affairs is probably due to the fact that great care is exercised in the selection of candidates. In the past it has been found necessary to interview about twelve applicants in order to find one suitable woman conductor. No wonder, therefore, that those selected are well and carefully chosen.

The outstanding characteristics, or qualifications, required are tact and good temper. Given these and a strong constitution, a woman will be a success on the footboard. Many of them have grown to like the life so much that they would not give it up even for an easier appointment.

An interesting aspect of the advent of the woman conductor is the influence she has had on the men employees and on the passengers. Profanity has almost disappeared since the

coming of the women. As an instance of the effect she has had on the passengers—and very grateful the women are for this practical consideration—it is only necessary to watch the way in which men passengers stop at the foot of the stairs to pay their fares. It is the rule rather than the exception to do so. And the object is to save the woman conductor every possible climb.

Influences such as this may be small in themselves, but their cumulative effect is immense. And for this reason it is only necessary to hope that the woman of the footboard has come to stay.

And now why not women taxicab drivers in greater numbers to save us from the rudeness of the average male taxi-cabby?

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

The heart must be beaten or bruised, and then the sweet scent will come out.—Bunyan.

PICCANINNIES' "PAL."



A well-known member of "the street of ink" finds himself as popular in the wilds of East Africa as he was among his old comrades in London.

UNLOADING THE NEVER ENDING SUPPLIES.



After months of hard work, the Allies at last have a preponderance over the enemy of guns and ammunition, and every day shells pour into the depots established behind the lines. —(French War Office photograph.)

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The Hon. A. R. Mills, M.P. the s

NEWS PORTRAITS.



Miss Katie O'Connell, great-granddaughter of Daniel O'Connell, Royal Red Cross.



Charles Lawrence, the veteran Surrey cricketer, who has died, aged 88.

HERO DECORATED IN HOSPITAL.



Corporal Chapman being decorated with the Military Medal by his commanding officer, Colonel Westmacott.

IT IS QU



A wounded officer at a Man

PARIS FASHIONS—A HAT WITH FOUR BRIMS.



A model for a young girl in navy blue gaberdine with bands of royal blue wool embroidery. Around the neck are touches of orange and silver.—(Albert Wyndham.)



A hat with four brims, three of which are made only of net. The black velvet band is embroidered with roses.



Biscuit satin hat with chenille crown and trimmed with a darker shade of ribbon.



A velvet hat which is effectively crowned with big white bows of ribbon.

THE ARRIVAL OF A FIELD KITCHEN BEHIND THE



Poilus gather round while the hot soup is distributed. The man in charge has a huge lad

UPPLIES.

UXBRIDGE SPORTSMEN'S GIFT OF AMBULANCE.

MEETING OF MONARCHS



...tion, and every day shells
raph.)



The Hon. A. R. Mills, M.P., Lord Hillingdon's heir, speaking on the occasion of the presentation of the first ambulance given by the sportsmen of Uxbridge. The sum of £750 has been collected in this small town.



King Haakon of Norway (A) and King Gustav of Sweden (B) at Copenhagen. Both their countries have suffered during the war from the illegal practices of enemy submarines.

HOSPITAL.

IT IS QUITE A GOOD LIKENESS.

TWO DECORATIONS.



y Medal by his commanding
off.



A wounded officer at a Manchester hospital makes a lightning sketch of his nurse in chalk.

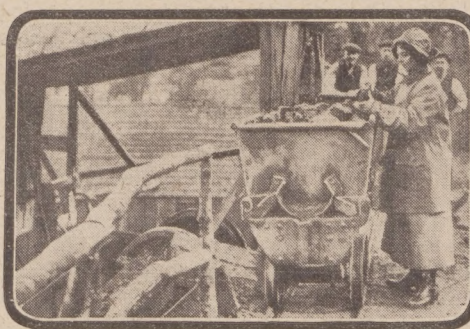


Pioneer Sgt. F. Haycock (London Regt.), awarded the Military Medal on the Somme.



Cpl. E. McKewan, D.C.M., awarded the Croix de Guerre, 1st Class, with palm.

WOMAN DOES SUBTERRANEAN WAR WORK.



Inspecting a trolley load of rough ore.



With Pat, her Irish terrier.



Looking over the machinery for crushing ore.

Miss Joyce, who has taken the place of the manager of a tin-mine, now in the Army, is said to be the only woman to hold such a position. In addition to her work above ground, she goes down the mine, which is situated near Truro. Pat always goes with her.

OF A FIELD KITCHEN BEHIND THE FRENCH LINES.



...the hot soup is distributed. The man in charge has a huge ladle to dole out the big helpings.



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Esther Shepherson.

PEOPLE IN THE STORY.

MICKY MEL-
A rich
bachelor, who has
had all the good
things of life, is
able to help.

ESTHER SHEP-
STONE, a beauti-
ful girl, who is
earning her own
living. Esther has
a very good employ-
ment because
she is going to be
married to

RAYMOND ASH-
TON, a good-for-
nothing fellow who
is going to throw
the girl over.

JUNE MASON,
who is Micky's
friend, becomes
Esther's friend.
Micky confesses to
June Mason that
he loves Esther.
Driver tells Micky
that she announced
her engagement.

ment of Ashton's marriage has appeared in the papers.

Micky and June arrange to get Esther away from London, in order that she may not learn about Raymond's treachery. When Esther and Micky are out motoring they stop at a wayside inn. Esther hears two men talking of Raymond's marriage.

She rushes away and starts for Paris. Micky follows and catches her up at Calais. Esther hears of her flight when Micky tells her that Raymond is unworthy. Then she breaks down and sobs bitterly. Before the train arrives in Paris Micky confesses that he wrote the letters which had so delighted Esther.

Esther does not want to believe what Micky tells her, but in spite of herself she feels that he is speaking the truth.

Micky does not wish to intrude upon her, for he feels that his company is unwelcome. He goes back to London, and Esther wanders out into the streets feeling very unhappy and desolate.

Not seeing anything, she wanders into some public gardens. A man passes her. He pauses and turns back. Then he comes and speaks to her.

It is Raymond Ashton. Esther's eyes are opened by Ashton's brutality. He taunts her, and she tells him that Micky is in Paris.

Esther is very desolate. She drives to the hotel from which Micky had written to her; and there she meets Micky. He is very kind and takes her back to London.

He asks Esther to marry him. Esther is full of remorse and says that she cannot marry Micky. He accepts the situation, and makes a compact of friendship.

June welcomes Esther enthusiastically on her return.

A visitor comes to see Esther. He leaves his card—his name is George A. Rochester.

The next day Rochester returns. He knew Esther when she was a little girl in India.

THERE'S A GOOD TIME COMING.

MR. GEORGE A. ROCHESTER stayed to tea. He was a very adaptable sort of person, and before the meal was ended he had made both girls feel as if they had known him all their lives.

"As, indeed, I suppose I have," Esther said rather doubtfully. "But it's such a long time ago."

"You make me feel as if I were an impostor when you talk like that," he told her quickly.

"I can give you as many details as you like about your life in India years ago. Not that you'd remember them, I expect, if you can't remember now." His face brightened suddenly.

"I tell you one thing I've remembered—the nickname we all gave you out there. It was Lallie."

Esther flushed crimson. The sound of the little name, brought back to her a vivid memory of Raymond Ashton. She had once told him that her mother had always called her Lallie, and he had promptly adopted it.

"Yes, I can remember that," she said hurriedly, "but it's a name I hate. Please forget it."

"I think it's rather sweet," June said unknowingly. "It suits you much better than Esther does—you're not a bit an Esther."

"I hate the name Lallie," Esther said again. Rochester came to the rescue.

"I think we most of us hate the names chosen for us," he said, cheerily. "And, after all, a rose by any other name, you know."

Esther had risen and was putting the tea-things together; the thought of Ashton had jarred her; she passionately wished that she might forget him; there was nothing any more but shame and humiliation in her life, when she thought of him and the past months; she could look back now on the girl she had been then with a sort of pitying wonder and contempt.

"Are you staying long in London?" June asked Rochester; she had flopped down in her favourite position on the hearthrug and had taken a cigarette from her case.

Rochester promptly produced a match; when the cigarette had been lit he sat back and looked at her with admiring eyes.

June glanced at him.

"Perhaps you don't approve of women smoking," she said.

"I approve of you smoking," he answered. "It suits you—it seems to suit your hair, and your eyes; some women are born to the part; but others—"

"Everybody smokes nowadays," June said, airily. "I'll take you to my club one day—that is, if you'll come," she added, hurriedly.

—Rochester laughed.

"Oh, I'll come," he said. "I feel a different man since I came into the room and saw you."

(Translation, dramatic and all other rights secured.)

two girls. "I wonder if you're going to be kind and let me see you often, while I'm in town."

June looked round for Esther, but she was not in the room.

"You'll have to ask Esther," she said, lowering her voice a little. "She's had a lot of worry and trouble lately—and things aren't going to be easy for her in the future. I'm afraid."

She was not quite sure how far she was justified in repeating Esther's affairs to this man.

"You mean that she hasn't got much of this world's goods—eh?" he asked quietly.

June nodded.

She was engaged to be married, but the man turned out a thorough rotter. . . .

Rochester smiled.

"I like your downright way of putting things," he said. "I should like to hear what you have to say about where I've gone."

June flushed; she scrambled up from the rug. "I shan't say anything at all," she declared.

"I only talk about people I don't like—oh, I didn't mean that either," she added in confusion.

Rochester rose to his feet. June was a little thing, and though he was not a tall man, he was much taller than she was.

"I hope you did," he said with surprising earnestness. "I should be glad to hear of it."

Esther came back into the room.

"I've been telling Miss June here," Rochester said calmly. "that I hope you're going to take pity on me and show me round London while I have to stay here."

"I'm leaving quite soon to take a berth—very long, but where there's a will, there's a way of getting a great deal done in a short period."

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"Oh, do be a little enthusiastic!" she complained. "Doesn't anything interest you? If I were in your place I should be wildly excited and flattered to death to think that such a good-looking man like that had taken the trouble to seek England for me, and you just sit there and take it quite as a matter of course."

Esther had to laugh.

"I'm not very enthusiastic, but I am flattered, of course I am—and I like him very much. . . ."

But in her heart she felt a little apprehensive; it was quite true that once or twice some faint memory had stirred in her mind, but try as she would she could not grasp or locate it. She stood for a moment looking into the fire.

"How odd you think he is!" she asked then suddenly.

"How odd!" June knit her dark brows. "Goodness! I haven't the least idea," she said, perplexed.

"He's very grey, but his face looks young. . . ."

She yawned and stretched her arms. "Well, we've had a bit of excitement, anyway," she said. "Anything for a change. Esther, I'm going to make him take a consignment of my face cream out to India with him when he goes back—"

she laughed merrily.

"He might be able to do a roaring trade for me. They say that women's complexions get awful out there, don't they?"

Esther laughed; she was only half listening; she looked at the clock and gave a little sigh; it was too late for Micky to come now, was the thought in her mind; supposing he never came again.

"What are you thinking about?" June asked suddenly. "You look so sad—"

she got up and linked her arm in Esther's. "Never mind," she said. "There's a good time coming for us both—I feel it in my bones."

"Do you!" said Esther. "I wish I did—"

She gave June's hand a squeeze and moved away.

IS HE COMING?

ROCHESTER was not a man to allow grass to grow under his feet. There was a letter for Esther from him in the morning, and an invitation out to lunch for both girls.

She read the letter and passed it over to June. "Do you think we ought to go?" she asked, doubtfully.

June raised her brows.

"Do I think we ought to go?" she echoed. "My good child, of course we ought to go. Accept every invitation you get—that's my motto. Of course we'll go—at least, don't you think I shall rather spoil sport?"

Esther laughed.

"How absurd! I shouldn't think of going without you," June seemed to be considering.

"I'm sure we haven't got a fourth," she said, meditatively.

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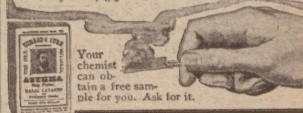
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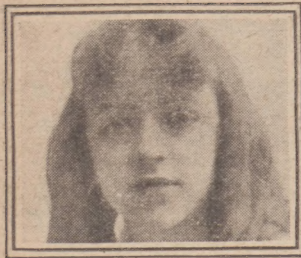
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The Hun Plot.

WHEREVER I WENT yesterday I found people talking about the exposure of the Hun plot to embroil the United States with Japan through the medium of Mexico. Some Americans I met were joyous. One said: "This puts the lid on the Hun in America. It won't be long now before Washington proceeds from words to deeds. The plot proves the German to be even stupider than we knew him to be. You just watch Wilson."

A Japanese View.

A JAPANESE FRIEND said to me: "The German Foreign Office must have thought we were babes and sucklings. The mere suggestion even by a German that we should be disloyal to the Entente is stupidly insulting. This German plot will do more to improve our relations with Washington than months of diplomacy. I suspect that everybody connected with the All-Highest Kulturkampf is insane."

A War Office Critic.

LORD HENRY CAVENDISH-BENTINCK, M.P., who never worries in well-doing, is determined that the War Office decision regarding the exchange of British and German prisoners shall not be of British and German prisoners shall not be allowed to rest unchallenged. An active member of the Exchange Committee, he is now forming a group of members in the House of Commons to insist upon the Government's reconsideration of the matter.

"His One Concern."

NOT CONTENT with second-hand evidence, his lordship has, I hear, for some time past been in close and constant touch with returned prisoners from Ruhleben and other camps, and he is so impressed with the urgency of the question that he is making it, for the time being, his one concern.

A New Parliamentary Secretary.

I RAN ACROSS Mr. Stephen Walsh yesterday. His name has been mentioned in connection with many appointments, but I believe it is now settled that he is to go to the National Service Ministry as a parliamentary secretary.

Not Floating Capital.

THERE IS AT LEAST one well-known journalist who bitterly resents the sharpened submarine warfare. He works a good deal for American papers, and for two months his remittances from New York have not come to hand. He hopes they have not been submarined.

Wanted, a Chief Whip.

I HEARD much speculation in political circles last night about the appointment of the Chief Government Whip, since Mr. Neil Primrose, it is understood, will shortly join the Prime Minister's secretariat which works in the improvised buildings in the garden of No. 10, Downing-street. Gossip was busy with the names of Sir Edwin Cornwall, Mr. Cecil Beck, Captain F. Guest and Colonel Godfrey Collins.

Mr. Cecil Beck.

I FOUND Mr. Beck has many supporters, and if he gets the appointment probably nobody will be better pleased than Mr. Primrose. It was Mr. Beck who a few years ago was succeeded in the representation of Wisbech by Mr. Primrose. Strange indeed if in another post Mr. Primrose should now be succeeded by Mr. Beck!

Popular M.P.

MR. BECK, a good-looking, clean-shaven man, with reddish-brown hair and a polished manner, is very popular in the House. He sits for Saffron Walden and is Vice-Chamberlain of the Household.



Mr. Cecil Beck, M.P.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

Marchioness of Aberdeen and Ireland.

I HEAR that the Marchioness of Aberdeen will visit Dublin shortly to inaugurate an All-Ireland industrial movement. A number of industries are to be started throughout the country, principally to give employment to women. Dublin will be made an important toy-making centre. The ex-Viceroy will accompany the Marchioness to Ireland.

Dublin Lord Mayor's "Procession."

LEADERS of the tillage movement in Dublin have been demanding that some of the Vice-regal grounds in Phoenix Park shall be handed over to the Land Cultivation Committee. There is, it seems, a local difficulty in the matter, but the Committee have declined to let the matter rest there. The new Lord Mayor, Alderman O'Neill, has offered to head a procession of tillage enthusiasts to the Vice-regal Lodge, spade on shoulder. Nobody seems anxious to join in the display.

Piece Work!

"BOY WANTED for sausages" is an announcement displayed in a Dublin pork butcher's window.

The New Bairnsfather Sketch.

I RAN ACROSS Captain Bairnsfather yesterday looking fit and well after his experiences with the French Army at Verdun, where he saw the recapture of Forts Vaux and Douaumont. He has been busy rehearsing his new trench episode, which is to be introduced into "See Saw" at the Comedy, and has called it "Where Did That One Go?"

With the French Army.

HE TELLS me that the Anglo-French Governments gave him special permission to see the work of the French Army. The poilus' spirit is magnificent, and he hopes his studies of the fighting Frenchman will become as popular as "Ole Bill." They are to appear shortly in "L'Illustration, Paris."

"Ang Bairnsfather."

HERE is a tale he told me against himself. A Colonial wrote to him saying that before being invalided home he was in a front-line trench next to two "Tommys" who were in a



Miss Lindon, who is nursing in the American Hospital in Paris.

sort of "If-you-know-a-better-ole-than-this-go-to-it" shelter. A shell came along, and one said to the other, "Ere, Bill, this is not I suppose that 'ere bloke Bairnsfather would call 'avin' a good time." "Ang Bairnsfather," was the reply.

A New Pemberton Play.

MR. MAX PEMBERTON is always busy, but I hear he has found time to finish a new play, the title of which is, provisionally, "A Bird in a Cage." Now all that is wanted is a theatre. But that is a commodity which is hard to come by just now.

Mr. Henson's Bad Luck.

HAVING RECOVERED from his nervous breakdown and returned to the Gaiety, Mr. Leslie Henson had the fresh misfortune last Monday to sprain his foot while dancing. He gallantly "carried on," in spite of intense pain, at every performance, except Wednesday's matinee. His foot and his nerves are now almost completely restored.

The Just and the Unjust.

A PRO-GERMAN declares that what the English call "righteous indignation" is "just temper." Exactly. And a German's is unjust temper.

Father Vaughan on the Stage.

I SHALL GO to His Majesty's Theatre to-morrow afternoon to hear Father Bernard Vaughan lecture on "An Empire's Measure of Greatness." Sir Arthur Pinero will occupy the chair. I hear from Father Vaughan that he particularly hopes those who never attend church will make a point of being present.

On the Halls.

IT SEEMS LIKELY that we shall shortly see Mr. George Graves back on the halls with one of his inimitable sketches. It is quite possible the sketch may be a tabloid version of a play in which he made a success.

A Pleasant Lunch.

I WAS at a pleasant luncheon party given by Mr. Arthur Croxton, of the Coliseum, yesterday, to meet Lady Cowdray and to be told all about Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson's one-day reappearance in aid of the Scottish Women's Hospital, on March 23. It should be a great performance, for he has gathered an all-star cast.

Actor and Emperor.

SIR JOHNSTON told me a number of interesting adventures of his. Particularly interesting was that of his reception by the Kaiser at a Berlin theatre after various Imperial visits to see "Hamlet" and "Macbeth." As Sir Johnston said, there are quite a number of quotations in the latter play which must come peculiarly apt to his conscience now.

A Woman Organiser.

THE GREAT ACTOR was enthusiastic over the energy Lady Cowdray has shown in all her charities, but particularly in this one of the hospitals abroad. His appreciation was murmured in his sotto voce, since we were seated next to Lady Cowdray. Afterwards she wore a wonderful sable cloak over her black gown, and bade us farewell as she was going to the royal matinee at the St. James' Theatre. She took Miss Whitty with her.

Studio v. House.

MOST PEOPLE think that only artists live in studios, but this is a mistake. Mr. Barry Pain until recently lived in a studio at Hampstead, and I have heard of several people unconnected with art in any execrable capacity who prefer this kind of domicile to a house.

In the Balance.

PENSION SCALES and bread weights.

Professional Interest.

"AND 'oo does their washing for 'em?" asked the country laundress, hearing that Reuter's dispatch from the western front promised developments "if the present good drying weather remains settled."

Another Flag Day?

A "FLAPPER" of my acquaintance became excited when she heard that Miss Stella Claude (the general's daughter) was organising a Mesopotamia Day. "Do tell me," she asked, "what is the Mesopotamian flag like?"

A Sign of the Times.

WHILE in the queue at an underground book-office the other day I heard a tall Guardsman say to the girl clerk behind the grill: "Charing Cross, please—and how are you?"

Some New Buttons.

I HEAR that button trimmings are to be more popular than ever this spring. They are made to match the material of the gown, but are bound with a tiny rim of gold or silver.

Single.

"ARE YOU the boots?" asked a hotel visitor. "Only one of 'em," answered the boy. "Tother's joined up."

Hymns at the Old "Vic."

THE SUNDAY CONCERTS at the old "Vic." for soldiers and sailors are a great success. Miss Carmen Hill, Mr. Ivor Foster and Mr. Robert Ganthony are to entertain the men this week. I am told the hymns are an attraction. The men are allowed to choose the hymns themselves, and they sing them lustily.

Retired?

WHEN ARE DRAMATISTS of the A1 class going to give us something new? It is only a day or so ago that I saw Mr. Henry Arthur Jones looking into a bookshop with peace, contentment and retirement written all his smiling features. Shall we ever have a new Jones over?

The Spy Farce.

ON THE NIGHT "The Man Who Went Abroad" was produced there was Mr. Haddon Chambers laughing so heartily over the farcical bath-room scene that it was difficult to remember that he had ever written a delicious comedy himself. The new spy play attracted a very smart audience, including Miss Gertie Millar and one of the censors of plays.

Former Journalist.

ONE OF THE AUTHORS of the lively spy play is Mr. Harold Terry, who used to be on the staff of The Daily Mirror. He was in the house, dressed as exquisitely as ever, and received many congratulations from his friends.



Mr. J. E. Harold Terry.



The Countess of Ancester, who has undergone an operation for appendicitis.



Canon Macnutt, of Surbiton, who is acting as chaplain to the forces.

Looking for a Cottage.

MISS WINIFRED BARNES, little "All-Aloney," was telling me yesterday that she fell so in love with Dorking and its neighbourhood while the "Anthony in Wonderland" film scene was being made there, that she is now seeking a cottage in the district.

When Time Stands Still.

SHE USED to motor down for her film work daily—it was her first experience in such work—and wait hour after hour in Goldhurst Inn praying for the sun to shine. The amount of lunch consumed, she says, would not have pleased Lord Devonport, but there was nothing else to do then.

Football for Women.

FROM A TRAIN the other afternoon I saw a troop of young women playing football. They seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly and wore the uniform of a club.

Women as Football Referees.

WOMEN have taken up so much "man's" work and play so many of man's games that I was not surprised when I saw a woman refereeing at a football match out Ealing way.

The Manners of the Players.

AS I watched youths obediently obeying the whistle I wondered what football would be like after the war. Will the lady referee be employed to tame the savage forward, and will the speedy "crack" be reduced to a "Tut, tut," when the ball from his shot strikes the goal-post and rebounds into the field of play? I wonder.

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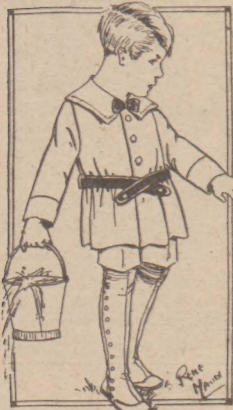
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THE secret of the revival of pockets—so marked a feature of the spring gowns—is a desire to attain the new peg-top silhouette without committing oneself to an actual cut of skirt.

SASHES are being used in just the same way as pockets, to give hip width, without using the skirt for drapery. It's all a question of compromise until the success or fall of the peg-top has been decided.

IT'S as well that stuffs are to be of the fine cloth and silk cashmere type this spring, for cleaners' bills mount and mount, and the now maidless woman is not always used to brushing and sponging her gowns.

LACE, of which we have seen nothing this winter, is returning as plaques upon our slip-on blouses and plaques round our pockets.



The youngest recruit to the Land Army wears a workday smock of apple-green linen.

OUR 4 SHELLS TO 1.

Lord Northcliffe on Reason for the German Retirement.

"Some people think that the present retirement of the Germans is made with the object of upsetting the plans on our railways," said Lord Northcliffe at the American Luncheon Club yesterday.

Lord Northcliffe added that he did not think anything of the kind. He thought the present retirement of the Germans was due to the fact that they received four shells to one.

He was not so foolish as to imagine that the slight moving back was a retreat, but he was equally confident that there was no chance of catching General Haig or any of his generals in any German trap.

"We feel—a great many English people and French people, too—that the influence of the German-American vote in the peace settlement might perhaps blunt the weapon that we must use at that peace table; but, above all, I do most sincerely believe that we can win this war by ourselves."

He said that he had every reason to hope that if the United States came into the war it would come into a particular part of the war. That we could win our part he was absolutely certain.

NEWS ITEMS.

600 Mayors to Meet Mr. Chamberlain.

At a special conference at the Caxton Hall on Tuesday the Lord Mayors and 600 Mayors will meet Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

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Prince's Prize Ponies.

The Prince of Wales won one first and two second prizes at the annual show of the National Pony Society at the Royal Agricultural Hall yesterday.

Duchess of Albany's Illness.

The Duchess of Albany, who has just undergone a serious operation at Windsor, passed a fair night and has no symptoms giving rise to anxiety.

Mr. A. Rothschild's Gift to Nation.

Mr. Alfred Rothschild has written the Premier placing at his disposal for the benefit of the country the woods of his Halton estate, and Mr. Lloyd George has thanked him for his generous gift.

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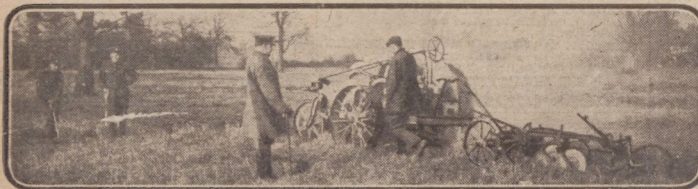
Pulling the big roller with which, in pre-war days, they kept the cricket pitch in good condition.



Mr. Airy, the headmaster, at work.

The boys of the Bromley County School are devoting their two weekly half-holidays to planting potatoes on their playing field, which, according to experts, is admirably suited for the purpose. Mr. Airy, the headmaster, not only directs operations, but helps as well.

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A motor-tractor at work ploughing up the ground. The camp is situated near London.

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The Baroness de Serclaes, an Englishwoman, who, with Miss Marie Chisholm, was personally decorated by King Albert. Both ladies are now Chevaliers and entitled to a military salute. For months they lived in a cellar at Persev tending the wounded. It is hoped that they will be able to give a short account of their experiences at the Alhambra on March 11.

TWO GUNNERS AMONG THE MISSING—MEN OF WHOM NEWS IS SOUGHT.



Gnr. F. Cooper (R.G.A., T.M.S.). Write to Mrs. Cooper, who lives at Burley Hill, Oakham, Rutland.



Pte. G. H. T. Covill (Middlesex Regt.). Write to Mrs. Covill at 100, Old Town, Croydon, Surrey.



Col. Spencer Sewell (Canadians). Write to S. J. Sewell at 27, Chancery-lane, London, W.C.



Lee-Sgt. Offer (Hampshire Regt.). Write to Mrs. Offer at 29, Mansell-road, Acton, London.



Gnr. H. Johnson (R.G.A.). Write to Miss R. Miles, who lives at 213, Hagley-road, Birmingham.



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